

**2012-2013 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012**  
**8:00AM – 12:00PM**

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Ricardo Dello Buono

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Ricardo Dello Buono, President  
Anna Maria Santiago, President Elect  
Wendy Simonds, Past President  
Tracy Dietz, Vice President  
Luis Fernandez, Vice President Elect  
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary  
Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer  
Phoebe Morgan, Board Member  
Valerie Leiter, Board Member  
Nancy Mezey, Board Member  
Marlese Durr, Board Member  
Stephani Williams, Board Member  
Patrick O'Brien, Student Board Representative  
Sarah Hendricks, Student Board Representative  
Shannon Monnat, Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions  
Patrick Donnelly, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee  
Matthew W. Hughey, Chair, Committee on Committees  
David Smith, Chair, Editorial and Publications Committee  
Becky Pettit, Editor, *Social Problems*  
Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer  
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted, amended as follows. The following items of unfinished business carried over from the August 16, 2012 meeting.

- Report of the Ad Hoc Revenue Generating Committee
- Report of the Chair of the Council of Division Chairs
- Report of the Committee on Race and Racism

Item #15, E; will be amended to read, "Observations and Recommendations regarding transitioning from civilian to SSSP President-Elect."

**ACTION: The Board approved the agenda as revised.**

ITEM #4 – NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Candidates were nominated for the positions for SSSP Secretary and Treasurer.

**ACTION: The Board approved Glenn Muschert and Susan Carlson as candidates for Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.**

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE 2011-2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 GENERAL ELECTION

Stephani Williams presented the report from the Nominations Committee. The Board noted that the new procedures for nominations functions more smoothly and more democratically than in previous years.

**ACTION: The Board approved that the online nomination form include a line requesting information regarding who is submitting the nomination (i.e., whether candidate is self-nominated, or nominated by a third party).**

**ACTION: The Board approved the amended nominations list for the 2013 SSSP general election.**

**ACTION: The Board accepted the Nominations Committee report.**

ITEM #6 – APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE 2012-2013 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

**The Board developed a list of appointees for the the2012-2013 Nominations Committee, with alternates in the event that the highest ranked nominees are unavailable to serve.**

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sarah Hendricks and Patrick O'Brien presented the report of the graduate student member meeting. The graduate students appear to be satisfied with the opportunities to get involved and engaged with the Society. This reflects concrete efforts on the part of the Society to welcome graduate student members. The student representatives recognized efforts on behalf of the Society to welcome and engage graduate students. The students reported on their continued efforts to improve the situation and engagement of student members.

**ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Student Representatives.**

ITEM #8 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

Patrick Donnelly presented the 2013 proposed budget. BFA committee projected a \$35,540 deficit in the Society's 2013 budget, much associated with the costs of the annual meetings in NYC. The budget includes the funding of a half-time administrative position for the Administrative Office. The BFA committee increased the funding for student travel, as in past years students have been funded at the level of 29% of their requests.

**ACTION: The Board charged the BFA committee with considering an increase in funding for the Lee Scholar Support Fund, for the 2013 NYC meetings.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the 2013 budget as proposed.**

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES CHAIR

Matthew W. Hughey presented the report of the Committee on Committees. The committee provided the list of members selected for the appointed committees of the Society.

**ACTION: The approved that Tommy Horejes will continue service on the 2012-2013 Accessibility Committee.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Committee on Committees and the slate of members for next year's committees.**

#### ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

David Smith presented the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee. The largest issues for the upcoming year will be the selection of a successor to the current editor of *Social Problems*, and the upcoming expiration of the contract with UC Press for publication of the journal. The Board discussed the journal policies/practices for special issues/sections in the journal.

**ACTION: The Board accepted the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee.**

##### A. PROPOSED 2012-2013 ADVISORY EDITORS FOR *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

The editor Becky Pettit reported that the journal transition from Florida State University to the University of Washington is complete. The journal is on target to receive approximately 350 article submissions this year. There are 53 advisory members recommended, and 18 student editors recommended for the journal.

**ACTION: The Board approved the *Social Problems* editor's report and the slate of advisory editors and student editors for *Social Problems*.**

**ACTION: The Board reaffirmed the policy that all advisory members are required to be members of the Society. The Secretary will contact all non-compliant members of the advisory editorial board to notify them of this policy. Those who continue to be non-compliant could be removed from the Advisory Board.**

**ACTION: The Board charged the Editorial and Publications Committee to consider the current policy for advisory editors for *Social Problems*, and to report back to the Board on best practices by 2013.**

#### ITEM #11 – DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS MEETING REFERRALS OR MOTIONS

There were no motions or referrals from the business meeting.

#### ITEM #12 – DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING (INCLUDING DISPOSITION)

The Board considered the 2012 Society resolutions. In all, there were 5 considered, with 3 approved, as follows:

Resolution #1 "African American Men, Criminal Justice, and Education" has been tabled, due to its complexity. The Resolutions Committee welcomes revisions in future years.

Resolution #2 "Wildfires: An Urgent Concern" was withdrawn, as it was perceived to exceed the reach of the membership's expertise.

Resolution #3 "Service Sociology," Resolution #4 "Unsolved Homicide Cases," and Resolution #5 "Expression of Gratitude" were approved by a combined open vote of the membership present. Full text is contained in the minutes of the 2012 Business meetings (Item #10 in the 2012 Business Meeting minutes, above).

#### ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

Héctor Delgado reported on behalf of the Social Action Committee. The committee may recommend that it become a permanent committee, however at the moment the committee will remain ad hoc. The committee advised the Board their support for the Society's potential move to a 501(h) non-profit tax status, insofar as this would allow greater latitude in social action.

**ACTION: The Board charged the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee to consider the Society's tax status, to consider whether the current 501(c)(3) or the 501(h) tax status, and that the BFA make a decision regarding how to proceed.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the Committee on Social Action report.**

#### ITEM #14 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2012

- A. From the 8/16/12 Board Meeting, the following was rescheduled: ITEM #19. REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: REVENUE GENERATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Héctor Delgado presented the committee report. The committee considered the journal as the primary avenue for revenue generation. In particular, the marketing of the journal could be improved. The Society is collaborating with the University of Tennessee Knoxville to locate potential avenues for foundation support.

**ACTION: The Board approved the Revenue Generating Committee report.**

- B. From the 8/16/12 Board Meeting, the following was rescheduled: ITEM #21. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS

Stephani Williams presented the report of the Council of Special Problems Divisions. Since criteria for membership in divisions recently changed, all divisions lost membership (in the range of 20% to 50%). The Board duly noted that the minimum number of members for a division (currently set at 150) may need to be reconsidered. The Board noted that, given meeting constraints, the number of meetings allotted per division may need to be constrained.

**ACTION: The Board charged the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee to reconsider the minimum number of members for a division (currently set at 150).**

**ACTION: The Board approved that a program participant can present a sole-authored paper and a critical dialogue paper for the 2013 meeting.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Chair of the Council of Special Problems Divisions.**

- C. Report of the Committee on Race and Racism

Tabled, due to insufficient time. This item will be brought to the Board in the fall. Héctor Delgado, Chair, plans to circulate three recommendations that came out of their committee meeting.

#### ITEM #15 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from the Institutional Ethnography Division  
Tabled, due to insufficient time.
- B. Request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment  
Tabled, due to insufficient time.
- C. Request for a post-meeting conference on Organized Labor  
Tabled, due to insufficient time.
- D. Request for a Symposium on Human Rights Practice  
Note: This request was approved by the Board during the August 16, 2012 board meeting.
- E. Observation and Recommendations regarding transitioning from civilian to SSSSP President-Elect.  
Tabled, due to insufficient time.

#### ITEM #16 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2012-2013 BOARD

Lacking a Quorum, at 12:15pm, the Board was adjourned by President Ricardo Dello Buono.

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### Electronic Communication of the Board, Following the 2012 Annual Meetings, with the Purpose of Concluding Business Left Unfinished

#### Electronic Communications Concluded September 12, 2012

ITEM #15 - NEW BUSINESS (as carried forward from the August 18, 2012 Board meeting.)

A. Request from the Institutional Ethnography Division

**ACTION: The Board approved the request of the Institutional Ethnography Division to use one meeting room on August 12, 2013.**

B. Request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment

**ACTION: The Board approved a request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment to use one meeting room on August 12, 2013.**

C. Request for a post-meeting conference on Organized Labor

**ACTION: The Board approved the request for a post-meeting conference tentatively titled "Challenges Facing Organized Labor" to take place on August 12, 2013.**

E. Observation and Recommendations regarding transitioning from civilian to SSSP President-Elect.

**ACTION: The Board, based on Ricardo Dello Buono's and Anna Maria Santiago's observations, charged the 2012-2013 By-Laws Committee to draft by-laws amendments for the membership to vote on in the 2013 General Election [Article VIII, Section 7 to move all dates back by one month – send out an e-mail on February 1, open voting February 15, close voting March 15, and Section 10 to notify elected candidates by April 1].**

**ACTION: The Board approved that the following section will be added to the Operations Manual:**

#### **"Presidential Fund Raising**

**The President-Elect/President is encouraged to raise additional funds in support of the Annual Meeting over which he or she presides and to consult with the Administrative Officer/Meeting Manger regarding their use. The President-Elect/President, however, makes the final decision on the use of these funds in support of the Annual Meeting."**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary